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Eurasian Economic Commission Announces 2014 Meat Poultry Whey TRQs

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Report Highlights:

On October 30, 2013, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published the list of commodities subject to tariff rate quota (TRQ) regulations in 2014 and the volumes for the tariff-rate quotas for imports of these goods into the Customs Union territory (i.e., Russia, Kazakhstan, and Belarus).

Unchanged from 2013, Russia's TRQ volumes appear consistent with its WTO commitments.

Kazakhstan will reduce access for beef while increasing access for poultry, and Belarus will reduce access for pork in 2014. The EEC Decision shall enter into force 10 days from the date of its official publication (i.e., November 9, 2013).

Summary

On October 30, 2013, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published [Decision 242](#), “On the List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2014, and the Volume of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Imports of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space.”

The Russian TRQ volumes for 2014 will be the same as in 2013, which appears to be consistent with Russia’s WTO commitments. Unlike in 2013, however, the EEC Decision on 2014 TRQs does not specify country-specific allocations for Russia, but rather leaves it to the Russian Federation to “distribute the volume of the tariff-rate quotas among third countries in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the World Trade Organization.”

Kazakhstan reduced the TRQ volume for fresh, chilled, and frozen beef (from 15,400 MT in 2013 to 15,320 MT in 2014). Additionally, Kazakhstan provided separate allocations for chilled and frozen beef in 2014, with 20 MT allocated for chilled beef and 15,300 MT – for frozen beef. In 2014, the Kazakhstani TRQ volumes for fresh, chilled, and frozen pork and pork trimmings will remain the same as in 2013 at 9,700 MT, while the TRQ volume for poultry will increase (from 100,000 MT in 2013 to 110,000 MT in 2014).

The Belarus TRQ for fresh, chilled, and frozen pork and pork trimmings was reduced (from 47,200 MT in 2013 to 20,000 MT in 2014). At the same time, EEC Decision 242 includes a clause that would allow Belarus to increase its TRQ for pork to up to 40,000 MT in 2014 if Belarus exhausts at least 70 per cent of the reduced 2014 TRQ for pork in the first half of 2014.

The proposed TRQ allocations will enter into force 10 days from the date of the Decision’s official publication (i.e., November 9, 2013).

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

COLLEGIUM

DECISION

October 29, 2013 **No. 242** Moscow

On the List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2014, and the Volume of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Imports of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space

In accordance with the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 18, 2011, and the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 1 of November 18, 2011, based on the Agreement on the Terms and Mechanism of Application of Tariff-Rate Quotas of December 12, 2008, and the Agreement on the Functioning of the Customs Union within the Framework of the Multilateral Trade System of May 19, 2011, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission has decided:

1. To approve the attached List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2014, and the volume of tariff-rate quotas for the import of these goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space.

2. To establish that the tariff-rate quotas, specified in the List, approved by the present Decision (hereinafter – the tariff-rate quotas), shall apply to goods imported to the unified customs territory of the Customs Union and placed under the customs procedure of release for domestic consumption, with the exception of goods originating in and imported from the CIS member-states.

3. To establish that in case the volume of pork (CU HS Code 0203) imported within quota in the territory of the Republic of Belarus in the first half of 2014 is at least 70 per cent of the established volume of the tariff-rate quota, the said volume of the tariff-rate quota shall be subject to an increase by Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission of up to 40 thousand tons inclusively.

4. The Russian Federation shall distribute the volume of the tariff-rate quotas among third countries in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the World Trade Organization.

5. To request the member-states of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space:

to implement distribution of the volumes of the tariff-rate quotas in 2014 among foreign trade participants in accordance with their legislation;

to instruct the authorized bodies to issue licenses for the import of goods, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas.

6. This Decision shall enter into force 10 days from the date of its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission V.B. Khristenko

APPROVED
by Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. 242 of October 29, 2013

LIST
of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2014, and the Volume of the Tariff-Rate
Quotas for the Import of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single
Economic Space

Product Name	Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for 2014, Thousand MT		
	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled (CU HS Code 0201)	0.0	0.02	40.0
Meat of bovine animals, frozen (CU HS Code 0202)		15.3	530.0
Pork, fresh, chilled, and frozen (CU HS 0203)	20.0	9.7	400.0
Pork trimmings (CU HS 0203 29 550 2 and 0203 29 900 2)*			30.0
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen (CU HS Code 0207) - total including:	10.9**	110.0	364.0**
Frozen deboned chicken meat (CU HS Code 0207 14 100 1)	10.0		100.0
Frozen bone-in chicken halves or quarters and frozen bone-in chicken legs and cuts thereof (CU HS Codes 0207 14 200 1 and 0207 14 600 1)	0.0		250.0
frozen deboned turkey meat, frozen cuts of bone-in turkey (CU HS codes 0207 27 100 1, 0207 27 300 1, 0207 27 400 1, 0207 27 600 1, 0207 27 700 1)	0.9		14.0
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen, not specified above (CU HS Code 0207 except	0.0		0.0

codes 0207 14 100 1, 0207 14 200 1, 0207 14 600 1, 0207 27 100 1, 0207 27 300 1, 0207 27 400 1, 0207 27 600 1, 0207 27 700 1)			
Certain types of whey and modified whey, in powder, granules, or other solid forms, not containing sugar or other sweetening matter (CU HS Code 0404 10 120 1, 0404 10 160 1	0.0	0.0	15.0

* Pork trimmings can be imported both as part of the tariff-rate quota established for pork trimmings and the tariff-rate quota established for pork

** This volume is allocated to the import of certain types of meat and edible byproducts of poultry to the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation, accordingly, in accordance with the commodity structure and within the scope specified in this List.

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For the official release of the Decision in Russian, please see:

<http://www.eurasiancommission.org/docs/Download.aspx?IsDlg=0&ID=4895&print=1>

Other relevant reports:

[RS1275 – 11/27/2012 - Eurasian Economic Commission Announces 2013 Meat and Poultry TRQs](#)

[RS1278 – 12/19/2012 - Russia Distributes Additional 2012 Meat and Poultry TRQ Volumes](#)